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For: **COTTON EVENT MON 88913 AND** §
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR §
DETECTION THEREOF §

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1. The following material referred to in the specification of the above-referenced application has been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC).

<u>TAXONOMIC DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>IDENTIFICATION REFERENCE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT NUMBER</u>
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> (cotton)	Event MON88913 (seeds)	PTA-4854

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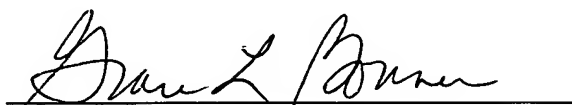
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Deposited on Behalf of: Monsanto Technology LLC

Identification Reference by Depositor:

Patent Deposit Designation

Gossypium hirsutum (Cotton): MON88913

PTA-4854

The seeds were accompanied by: _ a scientific description a proposed taxonomic description indicated above. The seeds were received December 11, 2002 by this International Depository Authority and have been accepted.

AT YOUR REQUEST: ☒ We will inform you of requests for the seeds for 30 years.

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The viability of the seeds cited above was tested December 20, 2002. On that date, the seeds were viable.

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Signature of person having authority to represent ATCC:

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Date: January 28, 2003

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